Wellness Benefit Program

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WELLNESS BENEFIT PROGRAM

Established in 1994

- Available to all state agencies and participating political subdivisions in the State's health plan
- Provides monetary assistance to employers that initiate and conduct on-site wellness programs

GOALS:

- Directly fund wellness and health promotion efforts that will have a positive financial impact on health plan expenditures.
- Encourage work site promotion and increase awareness of lifestyle and wellness programs by our participating employers.
- Provide a resource of programs that can be referenced and implemented by others.

PROGRAM FUNDING

 \$100% of the first \$500, or actual cost, whichever is less, plus

 75% of the cost exceeding this amount to a maximum benefit of \$1,000

 Are eligible for funding to conduct one onsite program each fiscal year.

APPLICATION PROCESS

- Employer Initiated Program Work site develops own program and submits application to NDPERS for consideration.
- PERS Sponsored Program PERS develops a specific program and makes it available to eligible employers.

PROGRAMS FUNDED

- Preventive screening clinics
- Video and workbook educational series on healthy life styles
- On-site flu shot programs
- On-site wellness fairs
- Education on nutrition and exercise

PROGRAMS FUNDED

- Various walking programs
- 5-A-Day Challenge; healthy eating habits
- Fitness programs promoted by various vendors

APPLICATION PROCESS

- Must complete and submit an application to NDPERS.
- Send your request to NDPERS at <u>ndpers-info@state.nd.us</u>
- Reviewed by Wellness Benefit Committee
 - BCBS
 - State Health Department
 - NDPERS
- Will be notified of Committee's decision within 60 days.

REIMBURSEMENT

- Two options:
 - Reimburse vendor direct
 - Provide an itemized invoice
 - Reimburse the employer
 - Provide an itemized invoice
 - Copy of cancelled check
- Submit to NDPERS

Reimbursement is made by BCBSND

